

## **Ideas for Celebrating ECEAP's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Ask your mayor to proclaim support for early learning in honor of ECEAP's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ask for time to present the Intro to ECEAP PowerPoint to your city council.
- Invite families, community leaders and others to story time in an ECEAP classroom.
- Invite local government officials and business leaders to a Policy Council meeting to see parent leadership in action. While there, ask parents to share how ECEAP helps their child and family.
- Ask children or families what they think about ECEAP. Publish their responses in your parent newsletter, website or Facebook page – or send it to your local newspaper. Keep children's identity confidential.
- Invite staff, families, local government and business leaders, and/or community members to a celebratory breakfast or dinner. At the event, have parents and staff share how ECEAP has made a difference. Issue a media advisory to invite reporters to cover the event.
- Write to the editor of your local newspaper. Tell them how ECEAP makes a difference in your community, how taxpayers get their money back in reduced costs later, and mention the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Offer an interview to your local television or radio station about the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and tell (anonymous) stories about children and families who have benefitted from ECEAP.
- Coordinate with other ECEAP contractors to lighten the work for a local event.
- Ask local businesses or philanthropists to help fund these activities.